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To: Budget Committee Chair Ann H. Kobayashi & Committee Members

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Re: Bill 14-Chair Martin's Proposed \$3,840,000 Amendment for the
Reimbursement of the Purchase of Aiea Sugar Mill

I support Chair Martin's proposed \$3,840,000 amendment to Bill 14 for the reimbursement of the purchase of Aiea Sugar Mill to allow for expanded public purpose and uses.

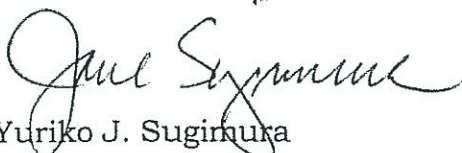
In 2002, 6.8 acres of the former Aiea Sugar Mill site was purchased by the City & County to be used as an Aiea Town Center based on community meetings as to plans for that site. \$3,840,000 of the purchase price was made up of HUD funds, which limit the development possibilities of the area.

I am and have been for almost 20 years a member of the Aiea Community Association ("ACA"), and the ACA envisioned developing the former Aiea Sugar Mill site to serve as a gathering place for all generations. The community's input is reflected in the Aiea Town Center Master Plan that was completed and adopted in May 2002. The Town Center is key to this development and in order to make this self-sustaining requires development of a profit enterprise that will lease the upper portion of the property so as to provide for an rental income stream that can be used to build and maintain the Town Center and its surrounding recreation areas.

ACA has been informed that the fact that HUD funds were used to purchase the upper portion of the former Sugar Mill property limits the use to construction of low-income or senior housing. We don't believe that such uses would be consistent with the community's plans for this case and would not create or provide the income stream required to build out Town Center.

The site already includes a new, larger 'Aiea library, which was part of the development plan, but what is still left to build is a community center, indoor and outdoor recreation areas that will serve Aiea residents as well as residents of the City & County. Passing this Amendment may allow us to do that.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of this amendment to Bill 14



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